

## BOOK REVIEW

SYLVAIN BEAUSEJOUR, with foreword & English translation by PAUL MARTIN BROWN. 2008 (expected). **Orchidees Indigenes du Quebec/Labrador (Native Orchids of Quebec/Labrador)**. Les éditions Native, 645 Boul. Manseau, Joliette, Quebec J6E 3E7 Canada. (**Orders:** <http://orchideequébec.com/eng/index.html>, [info@nativeorchidsamerica.com](mailto:info@nativeorchidsamerica.com), 450-755-2560; also available from Orchid Books, [www.orchidsbooks.com](http://www.orchidsbooks.com)). \$49.99 (CAD), \$42.33 (USD), 176 pp., 380 illus., 9 3/4" × 11 3/4".

The past few years have seen several new books relating to the wild orchids of Canada. They have essentially been field guides and vary from slender paperbacks on Newfoundland and Manitoba to the more extensive *Wild Orchids of the Canadian Maritimes and Northern Great Lakes*. After many years of painstaking photography and research, Sylvain has produced what is unquestionably the most beautiful book on the orchids of northern North America. Neither a field guide nor a botanical treatise, *Orchidees indigenes du Quebec/Labrador (Native Orchids of Quebec/Labrador)* is a feast for the eyes of the most artistic photographs to come along in many years. Each species is treated with numerous photos as well as the pertinent technical information and a map showing the general distribution in the region. Habitat photographs abound, and extreme close-ups are the rule rather than the exception for each species. Sylvain's expertise as a photographer is unquestioned, but his dedication to finding all of these orchids is bordering on the fanatical. I have been privileged to help him in locating some of the species, many of which required multiple trips of great distances, and then as the book was nearing completion, I provided the English translation to give the book a larger audience. It was a special experience that I had not attempted before. Be sure to check Sylvain's website for a unique preview of the book.

*Orchidees indigenes du Quebec/Labrador (Native Orchids of Quebec/Labrador)* has had a frustrating history of publication as the first printing in November 2007 was so poorly bound that Sylvain refused delivery and returned the books, and then after many months of negotiations and broken promises, has finally received the books. And they are spectacular. The large format, heavy papers, and brilliant colors all contribute to this superior volume. Although certainly biased in favor of the book, I highly recommend it to all native orchid enthusiasts, and as it is a private printing the run will sell out soon. Can we now look forward in the future to a companion publication by Sylvain on the orchids of Ontario?—Paul Martin Brown, 10896 SW 90th Terrace, Ocala, Florida 34481, U.S.A., [naorchid@aol.com](mailto:naorchid@aol.com).